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By ECF

The Honorable Valerie E. Caproni
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
40 Foley Square
New York, NY 10007

**Re: United States v. Muhammad Saleem
18 CR 274 (VEC)**

Dear Judge Caproni:

I write with the consent of the government to request a brief adjournment of Mr. Saleem's sentencing hearing and the accompanying deadlines. To aid in Mr. Saleem's sentencing, our office has retained an expert to conduct a mental health evaluation of Mr. Saleem. A brief adjournment is requested to permit completion of this evaluation in time for consideration at sentencing. Defense counsel is in trial the week of October 4 but would be available the following week on October 15 as well as October 18-22. These dates also work for the government. This is the defense's first request for an adjournment of sentencing and, as noted above, the government does not oppose.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
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cc: Benet Kearney
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(by ECF)

Application GRANTED. The September 23, 2021 sentencing is ADJOURNED to **October 20, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., in Courtroom 443**, Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse, 40 Foley Square, New York, NY 10007. The parties' sentencing submissions' deadline is extended to **October 6, 2021**.

SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Valerie Caproni".

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HON. VALERIE CAPRONI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE